

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 494
By Womack

A RESOLUTION to congratulate and commend Debra Caston on her outstanding work and exemplary performance as the private intern to Senator Andy Womack.

WHEREAS, through the course of each legislative session, there have on occasion emerged certain individuals who far exceed the basic requirements set forth for them to follow; and

WHEREAS, Debra Caston has distinguished herself as one such individual through her hard work and tireless efforts as a legislative intern to Senator Andy Womack and his staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash; and

WHEREAS, Debra is currently attending Middle Tennessee State University majoring in Political Science and minoring in History; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caston is a resident of Rutherford County, Tennessee where she resides with her husband, John, and her children, Melissa, Courtney, Jason and Joshua; and

WHEREAS, she has experienced the finer points of the Tennessee General Assembly and has especially enjoyed commuting to Nashville, preparing Senator Womack's session packets, observing the Senate in action and meeting Governor Don Sundquist; and

WHEREAS, she has also enjoyed the great things that come from being a legislative intern such as fresh donuts on Wednesday, Team Womack staff meetings, and the camaraderie of fellow interns and staff of the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, she has become acquainted with things that make the Tennessee General Assembly truly unique such as the massive daily paperwork and the efficient legislative bill tracking computer program which is further supplemented by the importance of being flexible and responsible to become an integral part of any Senate office; and

WHEREAS, her internship experience will stand her in good stead as she becomes an educator, attorney or lobbyist after having had the opportunity to watch the intricacies of the evolution bill, Senators Rochelle and Ford in action as well as observing Lieutenant Governor John S. Wilder preside over the Senate; and

WHEREAS, she has conducted herself in a meritorious manner and learned the value of the quote from Robert Louis Stevenson, "Politics is the only profession for which no preparation is thought necessary."; and

WHEREAS, Debra will soon never again view legislative battles from the floor of the Senate, file anything or be summoned by the call of "Flaggirl"; and

WHEREAS, the only thing besides a congratulatory resolution that could make her internship complete would be her own private interstate, an individual fax machine, a working copier, and an eternity of free lunches none of which were included on any of the budget amendments she filed with Senate Financy to obtain the necessary funding; and

WHEREAS, Debra Caston has performed her duties and many responsibilities with extraordinary ingenuity and decorum which in the words of Speaker Wilder translates to "She was good."; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and congratulate Debra Caston on her outstanding service as a legislative intern to Senator Andy Womack, and staff, Sandi Jones and Jacqueline Nash and express our deepest appreciation and thanks to her. We wish Debra and her entire family every good thing in life and success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That two (2) appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.